

North West Annual Conference - *Prevention in Practice*



24 June 2026, Mecure Manchester Norton Grange

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| 09:30-10:00 | Registration & Exhibition Viewing |
| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome & Housekeeping - Melissa Franklin , IPS North West Co-ordinator |
| 10:05-10:45 | Preventing Healthcare-Acquired Pneumonia: Translating Evidence into Everyday Care
Martin Kiernan , Visiting Professor, Infection Prevention, Richard Wells Research Centre, University of West London |
| 10:45-11:25 | Beyond Visible Clean: Revealing Hidden Contamination in Ambulance Environments and its Relevance to Infection Prevention Practice
Dr Sarah Fieldhouse , Associate Professor of Forensic Science, University of Staffordshire and Dr Emmanuel Babafemi , Senior Lecturer in Biomedical Science, University of Staffordshire |
| 11:25-11:55 | Refreshments & Exhibition Viewing |
| 11:55-12:35 | Bringing nature indoors: an infection risk or a health opportunity
Sarah Jordan , Green Space for Health Project Manager, The Centre for Sustainable Healthcare
Matthew Ross , Nature Recovery Ranger for Stockport, Tameside and Glossop |
| 12:35-13:15 | Case Study: Meningococcal B outbreak in a Specialist Support School North Manchester 2025
Helen Fabrizio , Deputy Lead Nurse - Health Protection, Community Health Protection Team, Manchester City Council |
| 13:15-14:15 | Lunch & Exhibition Viewing |
| 14:15-14:20 | Afternoon welcome |
| 14:20-15:00 | Air we go again: ventilation for safe environments
Lesley McKay , Associate Chief Nurse, Infection Prevention and Control Department, North Cheshire and Mersey NHS Foundation Trust |

15:00-15:40	Antimicrobial Stewardship - Gillian Damant , Regional Deputy Pharmacist and Regional Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead (North West), NHS England
15:40-16:10	Back to the future Fiona Tordoff , CEO, Infection Prevention Society
16:10-16:20	Closing remarks and close of conference

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